

SENATE RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Reverend Quinten Terrell Barlow upon his selection to the 2002-2003 National Dean's List.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Quinten Terrell Barlow is one such exceptional student who was recently selected to receive recognition on the 2002-2003 National Dean's List, an honor that is granted to only the top one-half percent of all American college students; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East High School in Memphis and a Senior Religion and Philosophy major at Atlanta's Morehouse College, Reverend Barlow has achieved outstanding academic success through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Barlow has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his remarkable dedication to excellence in the classroom, Reverend Quinten Barlow has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the service of humanity in and through the church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Barlow was baptized at Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in 1986 by Reverend Clemmie Mickens, thus entering into the fellowship that proved to be for him a beacon of stability and the vehicle through which he received the call the ministry; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Quinten Barlow preached his first sermon in August 1992, and in April of the next year, he was Licensed to the Christian Ministry; and

WHEREAS, in February 2002, Reverend Barlow was Ordained to Christian Ministry, and since then, he has conducted numerous revivals, seminars, and conferences on local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Quinten Barlow has already established an illustrious career in professional ministry, having served as a Youth Minister at New Era Baptist Church in Memphis, as a Student Intern in Pastoral Care at Regional Medical Center at Memphis, and as Campus Minister at Morehouse College; and

WHEREAS, evincing his extraordinary faith in Jesus Christ in valuable service to his fellow children of God, Reverend Barlow currently serves both as an Associate Minister of Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta and as an Associate Minister of New Salem Baptist Church in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Quinten Barlow is a visionary servant-leader and teambuilder whose presence in any setting embodies the genuine and faithful love of Christ that knows no boundaries; and

WHEREAS, despite the considerable demands placed on his time as a student pastor, Reverend Barlow still finds time to lend his talents to the wider community, having served as the Executive Assistant to the Memphis City Mayor, as a Role Model for the African American Heritage Committee, as an Honorary Student Achiever for Humes Junior High School, as an Outstanding Role Model for Community Crime Prevention, as a Participant in the Memphis City Council New Year Day Program, and as the Keynote Speaker for the Fourteenth Annual Institute of the Greater Memphis Sunday School; he has also worked with the Vice President of the United States and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Quinten Barlow's noteworthy achievements in the academy and in the church are a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Mr. Quincy Barlow and Dr. Linda Chism, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Barlow's display of intellectual aptitude and humble ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Quinten Barlow's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate the Reverend Quinten Terrell Barlow upon his selection to the 2002-2003 National Dean's List and commend him on his remarkable career as a Pastor, noting his impressive academic achievement and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.